GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MODIFICATIONS IN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to make the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme more effective and to facilitate the participation of farmers in the scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved as a result thereof;

(c) the names of the States from which proposals to make modifications in the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme have been received during the last three years; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.212 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27TH AUGUST, 2007.

(a) to (d): Several States/Union Territories including Maharashtra, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Assam, Haryana, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat have given suggestions from time to time for making improvements in the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS). The Government of India constituted a Joint Group to study the improvements required in the existing crop insurance scheme.

The Group made an in-depth study and have made a number of recommendations which inter alia include reduction in the unit area of insurance to Gram Panchayat for major crops; improving the basis of calculation of threshold yield; higher indemnity level of 80% and 90%; coverage of pre-sowing/post-harvest losses & perennial crops; to provide personal accident insurance cover and Package Insurance Policy.

Based on the recommendations of the Joint Group, a Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) was formulated. At present, MNAIS is under consideration of the Government.